

Townshend, Capt. of
the "Echo", a native of
Providence, R.I., & married there.

[All acquitted now, at Charleston, S.C.
Capt. Maffat, Lieut. Carpenter, & other
officers of U.S. vessel Dolphin, appear ~~as~~ ^{witnesses} ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~court~~.

There is a class of people who
can never feel easy, unless they
can make out another class to be
their inferior; they want to "look
down" on somebody; ~~and~~ ~~to~~ ~~offer~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~perpetual~~ and, in despair of
finding any such, of their own colour,
they set up their own colour - a thing they had
nothing to do with - as their badge of distinction
and any departure from that color they vote to be
a mark of inferiority. What a convenient way of proving their inferiority clearly!

It is but a few years since the R.I.
Association of Ministers invited two of the
most prominent defenders of Slavery, as a
visible institution, to assist in the celebration of
the Lord's Supper - Dr. Rice of the Old School, &
Rev. Mr. Bow of the N.S. Unit. Assembly & C.
Presbyⁿ. Church.

Public Sentiment stronger than Laws or Con-
stitutions. What we want - what the Cause of Freedom
most urgently needs, now, is, that the Social
Support now given to Slavery and to the
Slaveholder sh^d. be withdrawn, - totally -
and he & his Infernal System left to
stand, alone, by itself, in its own deformity
& nakedness, - without any mask, disguise,
or artificial surroundings - to the view
of all men. Honest men, who now are
deceived, or whose suspicions are lulled,
can be deceived no longer. Even the dishonest
- many of them - will cease, from very
shame, - to defend such a monster.

It is the Social Countenance given to
the Slaveholder which now sustains him, far
more than all political compacts & laws. It
is this Social recognition of him, in affairs
of government, of daily intercourse, and
more than all else in affairs of religion,
wh. is his strong tower. We make no
impression in portraying the fearful

wickedness of men, with whom we
are daily living, on terms of friendly
recognition, & ~~with~~ whose "good and
regular church standing" we allow.

Let us ~~aim~~ ^{aim} then, ~~after this~~ to have the
true position taken; - to take from the
Slaveholder the Social support we now
give him - let him stand totally alone
and he, & his foul system, will crumble
to ruins. -

Public Opinion is no shadow - if
invisible, it is, like the power of God,
invincible and sure as destiny. Let
the heart of the people be sound & right,
Slavery's doom is sealed. Even in the
old times of Jewish ~~ecclesiastical~~ ^{ecclesiastical} tyranny, when
the popular voice had not the chance it
has to make itself known, even then that voice
that ~~public~~ judgment of the people held those
proud priests in check - "We fear the people"
they said, "for they all hold John to be a prophet."

Such even then was the power of Honest Public
Opinion over the proudest & mightiest Priests
the world has ever seen.

How terrible is the responsibility attached to a people
& to religious denouncers - who are giving their social countenance to
Robbery, Adultery, Murder.